

**City Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2004**

Attending: Victor Barry (Magnolia/Queen Anne; CNC Chair); Pete Spalding (Delridge; CNC Budget Comm. Chair); Dennis Ross (Southwest); Irene Wall (Northwest; CNC/NPC Co-Chair); Stephen Lundgren (Ballard); Chris Leman (Lake Union); Janis Maloney (East Alternate); John Coney (CNC/Transportation Comm. Chair); Lisa Merki (Southeast/ CNC/NPC Co-Chair); Bob Lucas (CNC/NMF Comm. Chair)

Absent: Mike Richmond (Greater Duwamish), Mike Thompson (Northeast; CNC Vice Chair); Adrienne Bailey (Central); Catherine Stafford (Downtown)

Department Of Neighborhoods: Yvonne Sanchez, Brent Crook

Guests: Ron Sprinkel (Citizens for King County Monorail); Kathy Mulady (Seattle P-I)

Chair Vic Barry called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Everyone introduced themselves.

Previous minutes were not introduced for approval at this time.

Citizens for King County Monorail representative, Ron Sprinkel, gave a presentation on the current plan for county-wide monorail. Ron pointed out several things citizens should know:

- CFKCM is not Sound Transit
- CFKCM is not Seattle Monorail Project
- It is a grassroots/volunteer project made up of King Co residents

CFKCM is hoping to put an initiative on the ballot to ask for a 2-year study of feasibility, with a price tag up to \$6.5 million. The group has not studied monorail routes yet, and are looking at I-90/520 options. Seattle residents would be taxed for the regional system. Find out more at www.kingcomonorail.org

Dept. of Neighborhoods dept head, Yvonne Sanchez led a discussion of making CNC more relevant. How does the District Council represent neighborhoods? Through schools? Faith-based organizations? Is the info CNC puts out getting from the CNC to the DC to the neighborhoods? What are the ways we can be more representative of our communities? We should be working through districts, not sectors. District Councils need to identify and represent a broad range of issues and diversity within their boundaries.

Vic put together a survey that will go out by email asking District Council Chairs to identify their understanding of the role of the CNC, the CNC/DC connection, etc. This should help DON & CNC target weak areas and provide support as needed. A draft version will go out on email. CNC should start this survey with a narrow focus, then build on it with other surveys.

A request for DON to get census information for each district was presented. Specific info can be very difficult to pull out of 2000 census. Will census data provide us with the info we need? What info do we need?

- We need to target groups for recruitment i.e. relevant issues and groups for NMF
- The info needs to be age/culture oriented

Discussion surrounding re-establishing the District system over the Sectors:

- The District system has been neglected
- Districts don't have enough of a job
- Sectors were supposed to be a subset of Districts
- Districts need more power on issues
 - Issue-related education needed. Know what's important in your NH, get educated, advocate and be relevant!
- Districts need subarea equity
 - NH Street fund—go beyond recommendations to actual decisions
 - Decisions **respected** will bring more people to the table
- The CNC should touch **each** community group through communication
 - CNC should provide guidance to District Council agendas
 - What are the issues and problems facing Communities?
 - Who is working on them?
 - How can District Council help?
 - NMF turndowns—DC should encourage and work with groups to reapply
 - Are translators necessary?
 - Neighborhood reports should be a large part of DC meeting

DON Support: Minutes used to be done by staff

- Volunteers are hard-pressed to get them done in a timely, accurate manner
- There has been a major shift in DON mission and focus with major departmental losses. Has this affected its commitment to CNC?
- Notification of meeting by mail are losing ground in favor of email
 - Expense of mailing an issue
 - Not all have access to email

This is an ongoing discussion

District Presentation—Northwest: Irene Wall says NW is doing OK!

- Good representation
- Greenlake water quality treatment has been approved
- Phinney/Greenlake have been battling to advance the Aurora pedestrian overpass (where the Twin Teepees restaurant used to be). They are thinking of an initiative to bring to voters
- Greenwood town center—property owners are resistant. Negotiations are ongoing. The talks are at an impasse right now
- Zoo—Long-Range Physical Development Plan (AKA Master Plan)
 - Some flaws still exist
 - Meetings with Community have begun
 - Fundamentally good plan
 - Deviates from the Land Use Code
 - Parkland usage not in keeping with current model
 - Citywide issues (can affect other parks, i.e. Magnuson)

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Planning Committee- Irene Wall & Lisa Merki

The meeting minutes from January 19th were presented

- NPC presented a draft letter to DON/DPD/Council. This letter is intended to encourage support for neighborhood planning. To call for better coordination with stewardship

groups, to encourage the City Council to bolster diminishing resources and attention to urban villages. Urban centers are getting the bulk of the attention. The discussion surrounding the letter centered on need for such a letter now, first draft was pretty rough. NPC has not vetted it yet. Will send to NPC and CNC members for editing.

Budget Committee-Pete Spalding

There will be a meeting in February. TBA

- Stephen and Pete have been updating their info base.
- Budget Priorities Conference needs to be done this year. Will work out details at Feb meeting
- Chris will continue to pursue Utilities Brown Bag meeting in Council

Transportation Committee-John Coney

The minutes from the task-setting session January 16 were presented

- CNC priorities were discussed from the list of priorities
 - Street fund (should this go back to Budget Comm?)
 - Neighborhood issues-paving, etc
 - Non-arterial street funding
 - Traffic signal prioritization
 - Road damage from heavy vehicles
 - Need to include pedestrian and bike planning
 - Lots of large projects; committee needs to be involved in smaller neighborhood concerns
 - The larger view of the committee should not be at the expense of the fundamentals. There is an intimate relationship between the budget and transportation that should be respected.

Neighborhood Matching Fund-Bob Lucas

There was no January meeting due to snow. Next meeting February 3rd

- The current status of the NMF is poor
- District Councils encouraged to send reps to the open houses to view project
- Question: How can Distinct Councils get funds for projects?
 - NMF can address this at next meeting
 - Will report back to CNC for more discussion
 - Caution: Logistics and budget are tricky

If anyone has agenda items or ideas for speakers for future consideration, email to Brent Crook or Vic Barry

DON will send out updated email roster of members. Check your listing on website for accuracy. City needs permission to place you on the email list

Discussion of Discovery Park

- Capehart housing (Navy housing within the park) may be sold to private developers
- Should be returned to its natural state
- Citizens need to step forward ASAP with comments and support for re-naturalization

- Press conference and news coverage this weekend

SPU Rates Committee

- Lake Union District Council requests CNC support for recommending to City Council that the Rates Committee be reconvened for further study. A draft letter was presented to CNC.

Vic suggested a fact-finding meeting with the Rates Committee —how does the committee feel about the Committee's work? Would they support further work by the committee?

New Items

- The fleets and Facilities Department has conducted studies of City properties to sell. The agenda seems set—can anyone clarify the situation with F & F?
- The Boards and Committees Room is now equipped with audio-visual aids

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Merki (for Ann Donovan, Secretary)